Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Defence Colony, New Delhi;

(b) what is the amount of stipend being paid to the MBBS interns by Government in different colleges and hospitals in Delhi;

(c) what are the reasons for the difference, if any; and

(d) by when Government propose to pay equal stipend to all the interns whether BHMS or MBBS when they have same basic qualifications and completed 4 years course?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) B.H.M.S. interns of Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College are paid a stipend of Rs. 800|- per month.

(b) M.B.B.S. interns in medical colleges under Delhi Administration are being paid Rs. 1300|- per month as stipend. However, the rate of stipend for interns belonging to Central Government Institutions|Hospitals including statutory|autonomous bodies wholly financed by the Central Government has been fixed at Rs. 1,650|- per month with effect from 1.1.1991.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government at present.

Reduction in the Dominance of Public Sector on the Economy

1327. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to gradually reduce the dominance of the public sector in the economy of the country; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of the private sector companies have Government financial institutions as the majority shareholders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI (RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir. Governments' policy on public sector has already been enuniciated in the Statement on Industrial Policy presented to this House on 24th July, 1991. The main thrust of the policy is on improving the efficiency of the public sector which would continue to innovate and lead in strategic areas of national importance.

(b) A few private sector companies have Government Financial Institutions as the majority shareholders. Out of more than 1400 private sector companies assisted by the All India Financial Institutions as on 31.3.1990, only 20 were having majority shareholding by these Financial Institutions.

Notice Received from A.I.R.R.B.E.A Regarding Implementation of National Industrial Tribunal Award

1328. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a notice of agitational programme from All India Regional Rural Bank Employees' Association regarding implementation of National Industrial Tribunal's Award; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to resolve these issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The All India Regional Rural Bank Employee's Association have staged a day long dharna at New Delhi on 26.07.91 in support of their demand to resolve matters connected with the implementaion of the Award of the National Indusrial Tribunal relating to Regional Rural Bank Employees. The Association also pro-

poses to observe one day all India Token strike in the 3rd week of August, 1991. The employees of Regional Rural Banks have already been allowed pay scales etc. applicable to equated posts in sponsor banks w.e.f. 1.1.91. A working group created by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) will consider the matters relating to promotion policy in Regional Rural Banks, framing of service regulations and also for considering any other matters affecting RRB employees.

Cash allowance to cashiers of RRBs sponsored by SBI

1329. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Rural Banks sponsored by State Bank of India in Andhra Pradesh are being allowing cash allowance to the cashiers as per Rules in State Bank of India and such banks sponsored by the SBI in other States are not being allowed the same; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Environmental risks in pesticide use

1330. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have examined the various environmental risks in pesticide use; and

(b) whether a parliamentary fact-finding committee is proposed to be set up to look into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Government are aware of the environmental risks due to the use of pesticides some of which are contamination of water, soil and food, bio-accumulation and environmental persistence. The Registration Committee constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1968 carefully evaluates environmental risks of pesticides before recommending them for registration for manufacture and use. Pesticides already registered are screened by expert committees and regulatory action taken accordingly.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government.

राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में निदेशकों के रिक्त पद

1331. **डा० अबरार अहमद :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ऐसे कितने राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक हैं जहां इस समय निदेशकों के पद खाली पड़े हैं; ये पद कब से खाली पड़े हैं तथा इनका श्रेणी-वार ब्यौरा क्या है और इन रिक्त पदों के कब तक भर लिए जाने की संभावना है;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा निदेशकों के नाम निर्देशन के लिए क्या प्रक्रिया अपनाई जाती है; और

(ग) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान कितने निदेशक नियुक्त किये गये?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (ग) संभवतः इस प्रश्न का आशय 20 राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों के बोर्डों में गैर-सरकारी निदेशकों की रिक्तियों से संबंधित सूचना प्राप्त करना है। 20 राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों के बोर्डों में सितम्बर से अक्टूबर, 1989 के दौरान 102 गैर-सरकारी निदेशकों की नियुक्तियां की गयी थीं। इस समय 99 गैर-